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Letter dated 2 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 30 December 2017 to 2 January 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 2 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (30 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Aleppo, two in Damascus and one in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported six incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: three in Aleppo, two in Idlib and one in Hama.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation (delivery of food) in Aleppo city, with a total cargo weight of 2.4 tons.

In total, 1,717 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,374 tons.

As part of its initiative to help Syrian children, the Young Army Movement of Russia, working with the Steadfast Brotherhood, a public organization in Ladhiqiyah, distributed New Year gifts to 450 children.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 27 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,417 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with Rujm Husayn in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,319.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (31 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 19 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 10 in Aleppo, 5 in Ladhiqiyah and 4 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven incidents of gunfire: six in Damascus and one in Homs.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation (delivery of food) in Basir, Dar'a Governorate, with a total cargo weight of 2.4 tons.

In total, 1,718 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,376.3 tons.

As part of its initiative to help Syrian children, the Young Army Movement of Russia sent backpacks containing office supplies, headwear and t-shirts bearing its logo to 400 schoolchildren in Jablah, Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 156 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,573 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,319.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (1 January 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: five in Ladhiqiyah, three in Aleppo and one in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any violations.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Salihiyah, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 2.4 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,719 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,378.7 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 46 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,619 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with Shin in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,320.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (2 January 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight incidents of gunfire: five in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and three in Aleppo Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported six incidents of gunfire: four in Damascus Governorate and two in Aleppo Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

No humanitarian operations have been carried out by the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,719 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,378.7 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 29 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,648 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours. The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,320.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.